

REMARKS

Claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1-6 and 8-12 are the claims currently pending in the Application.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-6 and 10-12 are allowed, and that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten as an independent claim.

The Examiner objected to claim 1 because of a typographical error. Independent claim 1 is amended to correct this typographical error.

Rejections of Claims 7 and 9

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Thompson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,961,602. Independent claim 7 is cancelled, therefore, this rejection is moot.

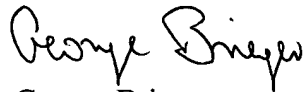
Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious from Thompson and Chang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,292,825. This rejection is traversed.

The dependency of claim 9 is changed such that claim 9 now depends from claim 8, which the Examiner had stated was allowable. This amendment clarifies features recited by claim 9.

Therefore, claim 9 is allowable for at least the reasons that claim 8 is allowable.

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment or the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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